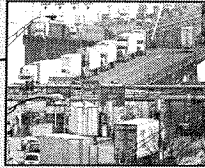


## The Detroit - Windsor International Gateway



Presented by FHWA  
March 23, 2006

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## The Detroit - Windsor International Gateway

- Importance of the Detroit – Windsor International Gateway
- Efforts to plan for and meet future needs

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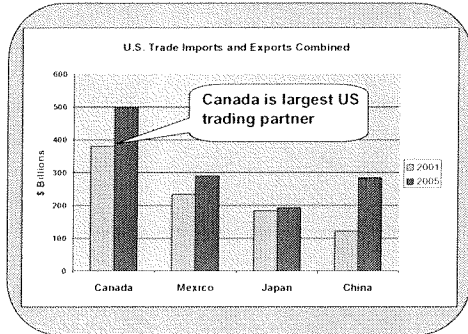
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## Detroit – Windsor International Gateway

### Economic Importance




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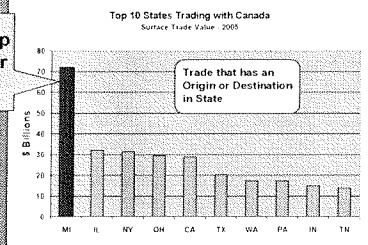
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## Detroit – Windsor International Gateway

### Economic Importance

Michigan is top trading partner with Canada




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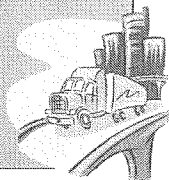
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## Detroit – Windsor International Gateway

### Economic Importance

- It is more than just trade between Michigan and Ontario
- It is the major gateway for the rest of the U.S.
- It is part of an International Trade Corridor




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### Detroit – Windsor International Gateway

#### Economic Importance

#### Detroit – Windsor Land Gateway

- \$102 billion in annual trade via Detroit in 2003
- # 1 land port ranked by value of shipments
- # 3 port of entry ranked by value of shipments
- 18% of total international land trade

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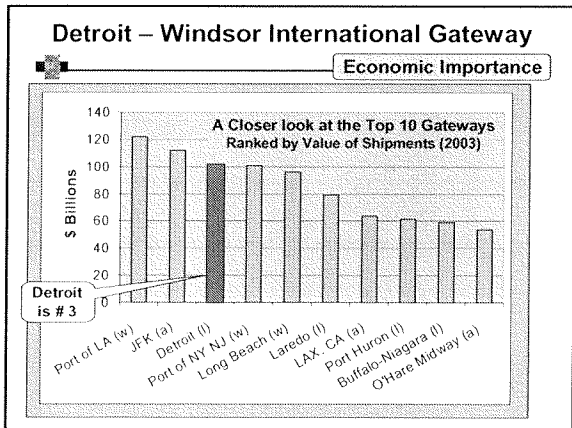
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## Detroit – Windsor International Gateway



### Economic Importance

#### Detroit – Land Gateway

- 84% of annual value is by truck
- 72% of the value of truck freight had an Origin or Destination outside Michigan



#### Conclusion:

- Detroit Gateway is vital to the U.S. and Canadian economies

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## Detroit – Windsor International Gateway



In 2001 representatives of:

- The Canadian Government (Transport Canada)
- The Province of Ontario (MTO)
- The US Government (USDOT and FHWA)
- The State of Michigan (MDOT)

met to discuss the issue of capacity at the Detroit – Windsor International Gateway

This International Partnership evaluated various traffic scenarios and concluded that between 2015 – 2025, traffic would tax the capacity of the existing infrastructure

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## Detroit – Windsor International Gateway



An International Partnership was formed to guide and direct a feasibility study

#### The feasibility study:

- Evaluated traffic predictions
- Identified potential corridors



#### The feasibility study:

- Concluded there was need for additional capacity
- Provided a beginning point for the Environmental Study

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**Status:**

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### Detroit River International Crossing Study

**On the US side**

- FHWA :
  - Is the Lead Agency
  - Is the sponsor of the Environmental Study (EIS)
  - Will issue the final Record of Decision (ROD)
- MDOT is our partner and is responsible for conducting the Environmental study
- Together FHWA/MDOT and our Canadian partners will determine the operating structure for the new joint facility
- The Partnership has determined a new crossing will be subject to Public Oversight

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### Detroit River International Crossing Study

**On the US side**

- The proposed crossing is an element of the President's Security and Prosperity Partnership (Goal 3.3.2) to develop new border capacity and to meet long term need
- DHS / CBP has included the development of a New Border Station in their Strategic Plan

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### Detroit River International Crossing Study

**Summary**

- The importance of this crossing as a major International Trade Corridor is clear
- The International Partnership is working to find a solution to meet predicted future capacity needs
- Solutions must be responsive to and reflect the needs and conditions of governments on both sides of the border

**Key Needs**

- Capacity
- Connectivity
- Entry processing
- Security

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